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1 AN ACT Relating to wildlife; and amending RCW 77.08.010.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

3 **Sec. 1.** RCW 77.08.010 and 2005 c 104 s 1 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 As used in this title or rules adopted under this title, unless the
6 context clearly requires otherwise:

7 (1) "Director" means the director of fish and wildlife.

8 (2) "Department" means the department of fish and wildlife.

9 (3) "Commission" means the state fish and wildlife commission.

10 (4) "Person" means and includes an individual; a corporation; a
11 public or private entity or organization; a local, state, or federal
12 agency; all business organizations, including corporations and
13 partnerships; or a group of two or more individuals acting with a
14 common purpose whether acting in an individual, representative, or
15 official capacity.

16 (5) "Fish and wildlife officer" means a person appointed and
17 commissioned by the director, with authority to enforce this title and
18 rules adopted pursuant to this title, and other statutes as prescribed

1 by the legislature. Fish and wildlife officer includes a person
2 commissioned before June 11, 1998, as a wildlife agent or a fisheries
3 patrol officer.

4 (6) "Ex officio fish and wildlife officer" means a commissioned
5 officer of a municipal, county, state, or federal agency having as its
6 primary function the enforcement of criminal laws in general, while the
7 officer is in the appropriate jurisdiction. The term "ex officio fish
8 and wildlife officer" includes special agents of the national marine
9 fisheries service, state parks commissioned officers, United States
10 fish and wildlife special agents, department of natural resources
11 enforcement officers, and United States forest service officers, while
12 the agents and officers are within their respective jurisdictions.

13 (7) "To hunt" and its derivatives means an effort to kill, injure,
14 capture, or harass a wild animal or wild bird.

15 (8) "To trap" and its derivatives means a method of hunting using
16 devices to capture wild animals or wild birds.

17 (9) "To fish," "to harvest," and "to take," and their derivatives
18 means an effort to kill, injure, harass, or catch a fish or shellfish.

19 (10) "Open season" means those times, manners of taking, and places
20 or waters established by rule of the commission for the lawful hunting,
21 fishing, taking, or possession of game animals, game birds, game fish,
22 food fish, or shellfish that conform to the special restrictions or
23 physical descriptions established by rule of the commission or that
24 have otherwise been deemed legal to hunt, fish, take, harvest, or
25 possess by rule of the commission. "Open season" includes the first
26 and last days of the established time.

27 (11) "Closed season" means all times, manners of taking, and places
28 or waters other than those established by rule of the commission as an
29 open season. "Closed season" also means all hunting, fishing, taking,
30 or possession of game animals, game birds, game fish, food fish, or
31 shellfish that do not conform to the special restrictions or physical
32 descriptions established by rule of the commission as an open season or
33 that have not otherwise been deemed legal to hunt, fish, take, harvest,
34 or possess by rule of the commission as an open season.

35 (12) "Closed area" means a place where the hunting of some or all
36 species of wild animals or wild birds is prohibited.

37 (13) "Closed waters" means all or part of a lake, river, stream, or
38 other body of water, where fishing or harvesting is prohibited.

1 (14) "Game reserve" means a closed area where hunting for all wild
2 animals and wild birds is prohibited.

3 (15) "Bag limit" means the maximum number of game animals, game
4 birds, or game fish which may be taken, caught, killed, or possessed by
5 a person, as specified by rule of the commission for a particular
6 period of time, or as to size, sex, or species.

7 (16) "Wildlife" means all species of the animal kingdom whose
8 members exist in Washington in a wild state. This includes but is not
9 limited to mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, fish, and
10 invertebrates. The term "wildlife" does not include feral domestic
11 mammals, old world rats and mice of the family Muridae of the order
12 Rodentia, meat from game farms that has been inspected by the United
13 States department of agriculture, or those fish, shellfish, and marine
14 invertebrates classified as food fish or shellfish by the director.
15 The term "wildlife" includes all stages of development and the bodily
16 parts of wildlife members.

17 (17) "Wild animals" means those species of the class Mammalia whose
18 members exist in Washington in a wild state and the species Rana
19 catesbeiana (bullfrog). The term "wild animal" does not include feral
20 domestic mammals ((~~or~~)), old world rats and mice of the family Muridae
21 of the order Rodentia, or meat from game farms that has been inspected
22 by the United States department of agriculture.

23 (18) "Wild birds" means those species of the class Aves whose
24 members exist in Washington in a wild state.

25 (19) "Protected wildlife" means wildlife designated by the
26 commission that shall not be hunted or fished.

27 (20) "Endangered species" means wildlife designated by the
28 commission as seriously threatened with extinction.

29 (21) "Game animals" means wild animals that shall not be hunted
30 except as authorized by the commission.

31 (22) "Fur-bearing animals" means game animals that shall not be
32 trapped except as authorized by the commission.

33 (23) "Game birds" means wild birds that shall not be hunted except
34 as authorized by the commission.

35 (24) "Predatory birds" means wild birds that may be hunted
36 throughout the year as authorized by the commission.

37 (25) "Deleterious exotic wildlife" means species of the animal

1 kingdom not native to Washington and designated as dangerous to the
2 environment or wildlife of the state.

3 (26) "Game farm" means property on which wildlife is held or raised
4 for commercial purposes, trade, or gift. The term "game farm" does not
5 include publicly owned facilities.

6 (27) "Person of disability" means a permanently disabled person who
7 is not ambulatory without the assistance of a wheelchair, crutches, or
8 similar devices.

9 (28) "Fish" includes all species classified as game fish or food
10 fish by statute or rule, as well as all fin fish not currently
11 classified as food fish or game fish if such species exist in state
12 waters. The term "fish" includes all stages of development and the
13 bodily parts of fish species.

14 (29) "Raffle" means an activity in which tickets bearing an
15 individual number are sold for not more than twenty-five dollars each
16 and in which a permit or permits are awarded to hunt or for access to
17 hunt big game animals or wild turkeys on the basis of a drawing from
18 the tickets by the person or persons conducting the raffle.

19 (30) "Youth" means a person fifteen years old for fishing and under
20 sixteen years old for hunting.

21 (31) "Senior" means a person seventy years old or older.

22 (32) "License year" means the period of time for which a
23 recreational license is valid. The license year begins April 1st, and
24 ends March 31st.

25 (33) "Saltwater" means those marine waters seaward of river mouths.

26 (34) "Freshwater" means all waters not defined as saltwater
27 including, but not limited to, rivers upstream of the river mouth,
28 lakes, ponds, and reservoirs.

29 (35) "State waters" means all marine waters and fresh waters within
30 ordinary high water lines and within the territorial boundaries of the
31 state.

32 (36) "Offshore waters" means marine waters of the Pacific Ocean
33 outside the territorial boundaries of the state, including the marine
34 waters of other states and countries.

35 (37) "Concurrent waters of the Columbia river" means those waters
36 of the Columbia river that coincide with the Washington-Oregon state
37 boundary.

38 (38) "Resident" means:

1 (a) A person who has maintained a permanent place of abode within
2 the state for at least ninety days immediately preceding an application
3 for a license, has established by formal evidence an intent to continue
4 residing within the state, and who is not licensed to hunt or fish as
5 a resident in another state; and

6 (b) A person age eighteen or younger who does not qualify as a
7 resident under (a) of this subsection, but who has a parent that
8 qualifies as a resident under (a) of this subsection.

9 (39) "Nonresident" means a person who has not fulfilled the
10 qualifications of a resident.

11 (40) "Shellfish" means those species of marine and freshwater
12 invertebrates that have been classified and that shall not be taken
13 except as authorized by rule of the commission. The term "shellfish"
14 includes all stages of development and the bodily parts of shellfish
15 species.

16 (41) "Commercial" means related to or connected with buying,
17 selling, or bartering.

18 (42) "To process" and its derivatives mean preparing or preserving
19 fish, wildlife, or shellfish.

20 (43) "Personal use" means for the private use of the individual
21 taking the fish or shellfish and not for sale or barter.

22 (44) "Angling gear" means a line attached to a rod and reel capable
23 of being held in hand while landing the fish or a hand-held line
24 operated without rod or reel.

25 (45) "Fishery" means the taking of one or more particular species
26 of fish or shellfish with particular gear in a particular geographical
27 area.

28 (46) "Limited-entry license" means a license subject to a license
29 limitation program established in chapter 77.70 RCW.

30 (47) "Seaweed" means marine aquatic plant species that are
31 dependent upon the marine aquatic or tidal environment, and exist in
32 either an attached or free floating form, and includes but is not
33 limited to marine aquatic plants in the classes Chlorophyta,
34 Phaeophyta, and Rhodophyta.

35 (48) "Trafficking" means offering, attempting to engage, or
36 engaging in sale, barter, or purchase of fish, shellfish, wildlife, or
37 deleterious exotic wildlife.

1 (49) "Invasive species" means a plant species or a nonnative animal
2 species that either:

3 (a) Causes or may cause displacement of, or otherwise threatens,
4 native species in their natural communities;

5 (b) Threatens or may threaten natural resources or their use in the
6 state;

7 (c) Causes or may cause economic damage to commercial or
8 recreational activities that are dependent upon state waters; or

9 (d) Threatens or harms human health.

10 (50) "Prohibited aquatic animal species" means an invasive species
11 of the animal kingdom that has been classified as a prohibited aquatic
12 animal species by the commission.

13 (51) "Regulated aquatic animal species" means a potentially
14 invasive species of the animal kingdom that has been classified as a
15 regulated aquatic animal species by the commission.

16 (52) "Unregulated aquatic animal species" means a nonnative animal
17 species that has been classified as an unregulated aquatic animal
18 species by the commission.

19 (53) "Unlisted aquatic animal species" means a nonnative animal
20 species that has not been classified as a prohibited aquatic animal
21 species, a regulated aquatic animal species, or an unregulated aquatic
22 animal species by the commission.

23 (54) "Aquatic plant species" means an emergent, submersed,
24 partially submersed, free-floating, or floating-leaving plant species
25 that grows in or near a body of water or wetland.

26 (55) "Retail-eligible species" means commercially harvested salmon,
27 crab, and sturgeon.

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